Test firing of missiles at Chandipur, Balasore

716. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the frequent postponement of the test firing of the "AGNI" type missile at the interim test range at Chandipur in Balasore district of Orissa is causing misery to the natives of 15 villages near the range during the last two years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the postponement and what steps have been taken to compensate the affected villagers; and

(c) what are the reasons for not setting up a modern hospital in Balasore as contemplated earlier in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Defence Research & Development Organisation is developing and carrying out flight trials of number of missiles. These trials are continuous in nature and it is not in national interest to give details of such launchings before they are carried out.

For certain launchings from Chandipur Range it is necessary to have a safety zone around the launcher requiring temporary shifting of the persons from their houses for a few hours. However, no such launching has been scheduled so far. Statutory notifications required for undertaking such firings are issued and sufficient prior notice is given as per rules.

People required to shift temporarily will be adequately compensated for the inconvenience caused and loss of livelihood. They will also be paid for transportation and food. Temporary tentage accommodation and entertainment etc. will be provided to them. State Govt. is also being paid for providing the necessary health care support to them. In addition to these, other general facilities like construction of 25 tubewells and public convenience, fire brigade support, and locks for sealing of houses will also be provided to the affected people.

(c) A 50-bedded modern hospital is in the advance stages of construction in District Balasore.

Population Growth Targets

717. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per Government projection, as reported in the *Times of India* dated 2nd February, 1989, the population growth targets of 1.9 per cent is not likely to be achieved and if so the reasons of this shortfall;

(b) whether it is a fact that there has been failure in R and D work on family planning specially Vaccine promised first by AIIMS and later by NII Scientists; and

(c) if so, what steps Govt. propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Seventh Five Year Plan targets envisage achieving a Birth Rate of 29.1 per 1000 population and Death Rate of 10.4 per 1000 population by the end of the plan i.e., 1990 implying a Natural Growth Rate of 1.87 per cent. Against this, as per latest Sample Registration System estimates of Registrar General, India the Natural Growth Rate of population for India is 2.11 per cent, 2.15 per cent and 2.12 per cent (provisional) for the years 1985, 1986 and 1987 respectively. The Natural Growth Rate has generally remained high due to steeper decline in Death Rate relative to that in Birth Rate. However, the factors responsible for slow decline in Birth Rate are: high mean age of family planning acceptors; low age at marriage; social attitudes, religous beliefs, illiteracy etc.

(b) and (c) Besides the available methods a newly established implant, which is deposited beneath the skin, and which

assures contraception for three to five years, has undergone Phase III large scale trials supervised by the ICMR. The vaccine against the pregnancy hormone has completed successfully phase I clinical trials in women in five major Centres of the country. Another vaccine, for use in animals, which sterilizers males without loss of libido has successfuly passed through field testing programmes and has been passed on to a public sector commercial company for manufacture and distribution.

Poverty line

718. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what was the poverty line in the country during the year 1988; state-wise; and

(b) what was the poverty line for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) The poverty line for the year 1983-84 was defined as Rs. 101.80 per capita per month for rural areas and Rs. 117.50 for urban areas, and it was the same for the country and the States. Poverty line is updated for the years for which N.S.S. data on consumer expenditure became available. Poverty line for 1988 and for the preceding three years has not been finalised.

Launching of Heavy Satellites

719. SHRI K V. THANGKABALU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of France have offered to help in launching of heavy satellites;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have accepted the offer, if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Primary Health Centres

720. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Primary Health Centres functioning in each State at the beginning of the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) the number of Primary Health Centres likely to be established during the Seventh Five Year Plan period and the achievement made in this direction so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The number of Primary Health Centres functioning as on 1-4-1985, the targets for the Seventh Five Year Plan period and the achievement made in this direction till December, 1988 is given in the statement (*see* below)

Statement

Primary Health Centres : Progress of Establishment

State	No. of PHC. Functioning as on 1-4-85	7th Plan Targets	7th Plan Ach. till Dec. 1988	Cum. Ach. till Dec. 1988
1	2	3	4	5
Andhra Pradesh	555	1150	728	1283
Arunachal Pradesh	0	25	21	21
Assam	237	200	200	437
Bihar	796	1500	759	1555
Goa, Daman & Diu	15	7	4	19